GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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Food Processing Units in Andhra Pradesh
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh has the highest number of registered food processing units in the country, if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether it is also true that wastage of fruits and vegetables is also highest in Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;
(c) the efforts made by the Government to reduce wastage of fruits and vegetables in
the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the extent to which the opening up of recent Mega Food Parks in Andhra Pradesh has helped in reducing the wastage?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): Yes, sir. The details are at Annexure-I

(b): No, sir. The average horticulture production per processing unit in the fruits and vegetables sub-sector of Andhra Pradesh is lower than the national average. Lower availability of horticulture produce per processing unit is associated with lower processing burden and lower wastage.

(c): Government has been supporting the setting up of cold storage facilities in the country through provision of subsidy and tax benefits for eliminating wastage of perishables including fruits and vegetables. Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Food Processing Industries have been implementing schemes for setting up Cold Storage/ Cold Chain projects in the country. Out of 4197 Cold Storage/ Cold Chain projects assisted by Government, 185 Cold Storage/ Cold Chain projects are in Andhra Pradesh. To increase the level of food processing government has sanctioned 42 Mega Food Parks of which 3 are in Andhra Pradesh. A special corpus of Rs.2000 crore has also been constituted with NABARD to provide concessional credit for financing of Mega Food Parks and processing units to be set up therein and in other designated food parks. Government was also providing subsidy for setting up food processing units before the scheme was transferred to the state governments.

(d): Out of 3 Mega Food Parks approved for Andhra Pradesh, two are yet to achieve project completion and one has recently started commercial operations. The impact of Mega Food Parks on eliminating wastage is awaited.
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